(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINSITER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The government is aware about the newspaper report captioned "5 Crore for Jawans goes to school for bigshots" published in the Indian Express dated March 31, 2002. The allegation made in the newspaper report is, however, not based on facts.

An amount of Rs. 5 crore was allocated to the "Civil Services Society", which stands registered with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi, as Grants-in-Aid in March 1996 from the trade surplus of the Canteen Stores Department for part financing the establishment of a school for the children of officials of the Armed Forces, All India and Central Services, Public Sector Undertakings and the general public. Out of the net annual profits generated by the Canteen Stores Department, 50% of the funds are deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India and the remaining 50% is distributed as Grants-in-Aid to the Armed Forces; Inter Service Organizations and various establishments as welfare measure.

As far as the grants allocated to the Civil Services Society in 1996 is concerned, the same was approved by the competent Authority, after due scrutiny of the project report and securing an undertaking that the school shall reserve 25% of the seats for the children of the personnel of the Armed Forces or other entitled categories. The school is functioning and as such question of any enquiry into the matter does not arise.

Turnover Policy for AFHQ Civilian Employees

4408. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1991 a policy providing for Compulsory turnover of AFHQ employees on completion of prefixed tenure in one office was formulated;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said scheme/policy;

(c) whether the said policy has been changed/amended thereafter;

(d) if so, the details of such changes and the purpose sought to be achieved;

(e) whether there are instances where persons having completed the laid down tenure are continuing in the same office on one pretext or other; and

(f) if so, steps proposed to be taken to ensure strict adherence to the laid down policy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, to bring about uniformity and regularity in the transfers and postings of officials specially in the context of certain sensitive Divisions/Departments, a turnover policy has been introduced in 1991. The Policy has been modified in 1993 and 2000.

(e) and (f) In very special circumstances arising out of organisational interest, a few exemptions are made after obtaining approval from the competent authority.

Cadre review/In-SITU promotions to AFHQ Civil and Clerical Service

4409. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry out cadre review/ grant of *in-situ* promotions in respect of posts belonging to AFHQ Civil Service/Clerical Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith justification therefore; and

(c) the current status thereof and likely time by which the same will be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Cadre review proposal for AFHQ Civil Service is at the formulation stage and will be processed in consultation with the DOP&T. The Departmental Cadre Review committee for Group 'B' & 'C' posts for this purpose has also been constituted. No time can be predicted for the finalisation of the review.